

NDHA

North Dakota Healthcare Association

Vision

The North Dakota Healthcare Association will take an active leadership role in major healthcare issues.

Mission

The North Dakota Healthcare Association exists to advance the health status of persons served by the membership.

June 24, 2003

The Honorable Earl Pomeroy
1110 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 25015-3401

Dear Representative Pomeroy:

On behalf of the North Dakota Hospital Association's member hospitals, health care systems and networks, we are writing to thank you for your outstanding leadership on behalf of our hospitals.

Your dedication has been shown in your recent success during consideration of the "Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003" in the Ways and Means Committee. Your amendment to that legislation addresses important concerns relating to lowering the labor-related portion of the base payment amount to which the AWI is applied. In North Dakota the average labor cost is 55%, and lowering the percentage to 62% from the current 71% is a more accurate reflection of current labor costs.

Again, thank you for your leadership on behalf of our hospitals. We look forward to our continued working relationship with you and your staff.

Sincerely,



Arnold R. Thomas
President

cc: NDHA Members